MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): ഈഴവസമുദായത്തിൽനിന്ന ഒ കൊല്ലകാലത്തേക്ക ഒരാളിനേയും മൻസിഫ്ായിട്ട നിയമിച്ചിട്ടില്ലെന്ന കാണന്ന. അത് ഈ സമുദായത്തിൽ യോഗ്യതയുള്ള ആളുകൾ അപേക്ഷകന്മാരായില്ലാതിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടാണൊ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice of that question.

Illicit distillation and smuggling detected by the special parties of the Excise Department.

203. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of offences of illicit distillation and smuggling detected by the special parties of the Excise Department during the years 1103 and 1104;

(*b*) the number which ended in conviction; and

(*c*) the grade of officers constituting a special party?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 15 in 1104 and 10 in 1103.

(*b*) 11 in 1104 and 9 in 1103.

(*c*) Sub-Inspectors, Petty Officers and Peons.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know what is the special advantage derived by the Excise Department by deputing special parties for the detection of offences?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Then the matter would receive more intensive attention. If a Range Officer is asked to do the work, he may not be able to devote that amount of attention which a special party would be able to do.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether it is on account of the laxity in the work of these Range Officers that special parties are deputed to do the work?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No. It is to secure increased efficiency in the same work.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know from where these special parties are recruited?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): They are selected from the ranks of the Department.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Are they selected from the ranks of the Department or from the Reserve Force which the Department has got?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I am unable to answer that question definitely just now.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know the number of parties deputed for the detection of offences in the years 1103 and 1104?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice of that question.

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